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SUBJ: FRG PERMREP EXPERIENCE IN ARRANGING PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT IN EAST
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1. ON JANUARY 6, DURING A MEETING ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, FRG DEPUTY
PERMREP BRAUTIGAM TOLD US, UK, AND FRENCH REPS OF AN EXPERIENCE HIS
PERMANENT REPRESENTATION HAD HAD IN ARRANGING A PHOTOGRAPHIC
EXHIBIT TO BE HELD IN DOWNTOWN EAST BERLIN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
GDR FROM JANUARY 17.

2. AS BRAUTIGAM TOLD IT, THE ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDED AGREED TEXTS FOR
THE INVITATIONS TO THE OPENING (BY THE GDR, SPONSORED BY THE MFA
AND THE KULTURBUND) AND THE RECEPTION (BY THE FRG PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, MR. GAUS). BOTH INVITATIONS WERE TO BE SENT TO GDR
GUESTS BY THE SPONSORING GDR ENTITIES AND TO FOREIGN DIPLOMATS
AND OTHERS BY THE FRG PERMREP.

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3. WHEN THE PROOFS OF THE INVITATION TO THE OPENING WERE
RECENTLY SENT TO THE FRG PERMREP FOR REVIEW, IT WAS DISCOVERED
THAT THE GDR HAD ALTERED THE AGREED LANGUAGE BY ADDING
THE PHRASE "IN THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC" TO THE DESCRIPTION
OF MR. GAUS AS FRG PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE. BRAUTIGAM SAID HE
PROTESTED TO THE MFA, NOTING THAT THIS

DESIGNATION DID NOT ACCORD WITH THE LANGUAGE IN THE PROTOCOL TO THE BASIC AGREEMENT ON INNER GERMAN RELATIONS, AND SAID THAT THE GDR COULD SEND THE INVITATIONS THEMSELVES AS THE FRG PERMREP WOULD NOT SEND OUT CARDS WITH SUCH INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE. THE NEXT DAY, THE SENIOR CULTURAL OFFICIAL IN THE FRG PERMREP (STAAT) COMPLAINED TO THE KULTURBUND ABOUT THESE ALTERIONS. SURPRISINGLY, THAT ORGANIZATION OFFERED TO REPRINT THE INVITATIONS - AND IN FACT DID SO.

4. BRAUTIGAM REPORTED ON THIS TO THE ALLIED REPS, HE SAID, NOT TO BRAG BUT RATHER TO LET COLLEAGUES KNOW OF THE FAVORABLE RESULT THAT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED FROM SHARP, DECISIVE RESPONSE TO THE GDR WHERE THEY HAD OVERSTEPPED THE BOUNDS OF WESTERN POLICY INTERESTS AND OF PROPRIETY. POLANSKY

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